

COMPOSITION

“WRITE A LETTER TO SOMEONE AND TELL THEM WHY THE WORLD NEEDS TOLERANCE”

Hello, dear grown-ups!

Hi, boys and girls!

I am writing this letter to all of you who are my age!

My name is Roman Shikhlin, I am in seventh grade.

It so happens that I have not been able to go to school all year and so I am studying at home. But I am not bored and I am not sitting round doing nothing. But I am seriously ill.

I was getting annoyed because the doctors told me not to run or play football or do all kinds of things that I used to do before I got sick. On the other hand, my parents, my neighbours, my family and my teachers are forgiving me loads of things they would have told me off about before. Now I have loads of free time. So, I thought: why not write five hundred words on the subject of tolerance?

Why does the world need tolerance?

First of all, I found six reasons. I even numbered them so as not to get confused.

The first reason.

Believe me, dear grown-ups, tolerance is necessary to stay healthy in mind and body. And you would not want to get sick, would you?

The second reason.

Think about it, kids: if people are not tolerant, they can never be friends and speak to one another. Who wants to have no friends?!

The third reason.

If someone is tolerant, that means they are good. And do you like meeting nasty, unfriendly people?

The fourth reason.

Someone who tolerates other people can always find something to say to the people around them. They will have loads of friends and everyone will want to help them. Otherwise you might end up all alone and abandoned. Nobody will like you and not a single person will show you any affection. Do you want that?

The fifth reason.

If tolerance comes to an end, something bad might happen. So people must always be at least a little bit tolerant. And all those squabbles and rows, quarrels and fights and upsets, all that crime and war – doesn't it all drive you crazy?!

The sixth reason.

The secret to a good family is when everyone is tolerant. And everyone dreams of having a good family!

And when I started writing I thought of the seventh reason: tolerance is absolutely vital for studying well.

And here is the eighth reason:

People need forgiveness and compassion so that people who are seriously ill or the elderly can go on living. It's true!

You have to be very tolerant and considerate to look after them!

So, to sum up, without tolerance the world could not survive.

Are you losing patience? Count to five – calm down! Calm down!

Someone else's bad behaviour is getting on your nerves? Stop! Stop! Stop!

Are you losing your temper? Count on to ten – Calm down, calm down!

Do you lose all hope when people do not understand? Wait a minute – just a minute!

You are beside yourself? Remain calm!

I am writing this to people of all ages, all professions and all nationalities: be more humble and accept all imperfections!

Please, learn to forgive other people's mistakes.

I beg you: always help people in trouble.

And please, please be tolerant of people who have done something wrong or have not done what they should.

Believe me: hospitals, orphanages and clinics are full of suffering and pain, whether we like it or not. There are loads of them. And they cannot be let out!

Listen to me: Tolerance is Patience with a capital P – it is compassion squared – it is perseverance with A++. Tolerance is understanding multiplied by respect, a clear conscience raised to the level of love and charity, it is honour and dignity striving for infinity.

We are all intelligent and we are all worthy of respect. We all need compassion and we cannot live without forgiveness and, above all, without love!!!

Our tolerance is the key to the door leading to happiness – it is the bright moth of our hope – it is the light-winged dragonfly of success – it is the white stork of prosperity.

I like you all, wherever you are! Be tolerant – then people will like you and you will be happy.

With all my respect and friendship,

Roman , who used to be intolerant, but is now learning
to be tolerant